

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Viet Cong battalion-sized attacks continue at the highest level ever.

b. Since 1 July there have been eight confirmed attacks of this magnitude and three of company size. This does not include the ambush in Chuong Thien reported in this morning's press.

c. Other Viet Cong activity last week was the highest since the period immediately following Diem's overthrow.

2. Cyprus

a. The Turks are about to release a propaganda film that seems certain to stir up more anti-Greek feeling in Turkey.

b. USIS believes that the film--full of Greek Cypriot atrocities against Turks in Cyprus--will make any Turk who sees it want "to go out and kill Greeks."

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c. On the island, Turkish Cypriot morale is slipping as the Greeks continue their economic squeeze on Turks in Nicosia. A new Turkish Cypriot commander has taken over in an effort to restore discipline.

d. Papandreou is displaying a somewhat more forthcoming attitude in Geneva.

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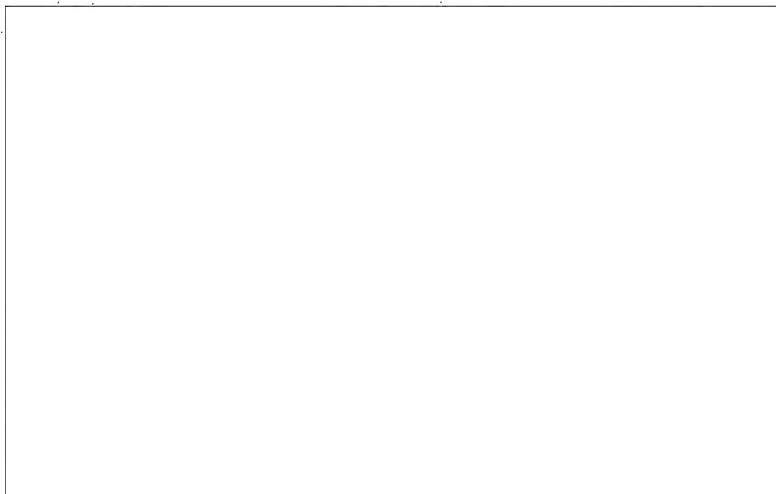
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f. Acheson, after his latest meeting with the Greeks yesterday, comments "at least we are moving down the track, even though there is a very high hurdle between us and the finish line." By "hurdle" he means the Turkish demand for a sovereign base area.

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3. Laos

a. Souvanna is having trouble maintaining cooperation between neutralist and rightist leaders.



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d. The Pathet Lao have turned down Souvanna's suggestion that talks be held in New Delhi.

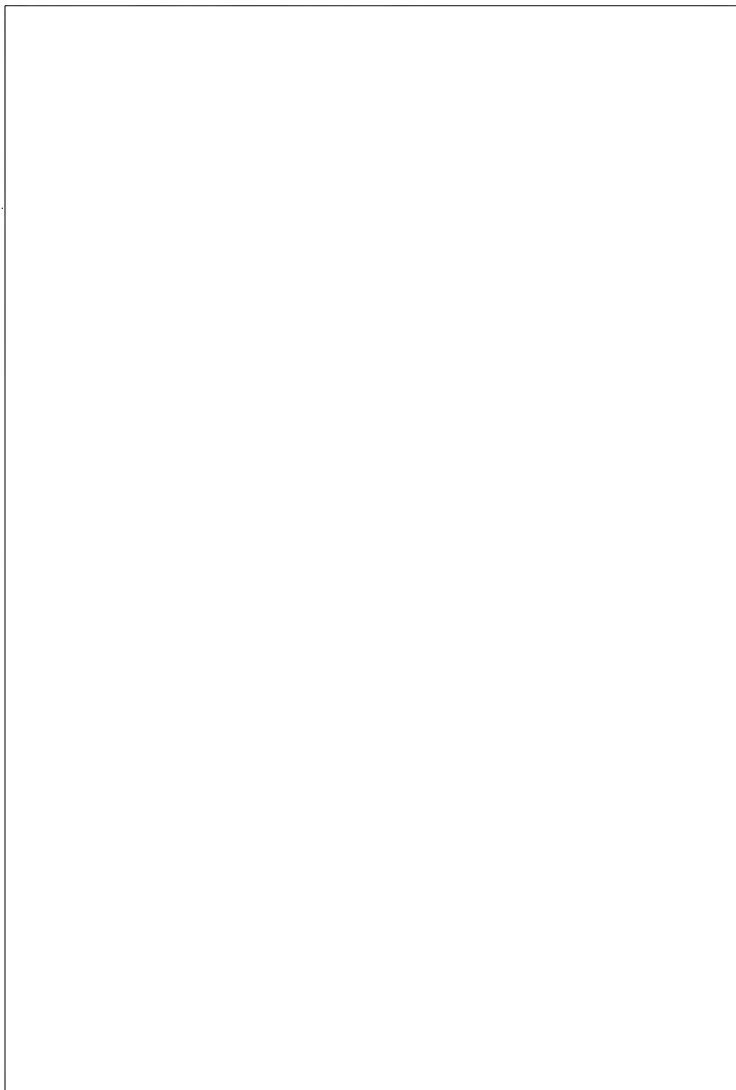
e. The Communists have again broadcast a statement attributed to US Navy pilot Charles Klusman, in which he purports to say he is well and in good hands, and that he now realizes his "guilt." Klusman himself did not speak on the broadcast.



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4. Saudi Arabia -
Yemen - UK

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B. Cambodia The UN mission will recommend demarcation of the Cambodian - South Vietnamese border and the stationing of a UN observation team on the Cambodian side. We think this will draw a Soviet or French veto and get little support from U Thant, who is chary of getting the UN more involved in Southeast Asia. Sihanouk has returned home from Paris, spouting praise of France and its offers of military and economic aid.

C. Warsaw Meeting So far Khrushchev had made no new or startling pronouncements during his visit. His reception by the Poles has been only lukewarm. He is scheduled to leave Warsaw tomorrow morning.

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- E. Singapore It is not yet clear what sparked the Malayan-Chinese rioting in Singapore. The US Consulate General reports this morning that the disturbances are spreading and the police and Malaysian troops may not be able to contain them. No casualties among Americans have been reported.